



Delaware Shorebird Project 2006 Volunteer Job Description

Position Title: Shorebird Research Assistant 2

Reports To: Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife staff

Overview of Position: Perform shorebird resighting surveys. Assist in shorebird handling, measurement and banding. Assist in lab duties, data entry and related activities at research headquarters.

Specific Tasks:

1. Provide advanced levels of catching/handling/banding/measuring shorebirds
2. Perform group and independent field scans to resight flagged birds
3. Assist with lab duties and data entry
4. Provide support in equipment preparation and organization
5. Serve as an ambassador for the DSP and Delaware's wildlife to the general public
6. Assist in a communal living and researching environment with meal duties when applicable.

Time Required: Minimum four consecutive days of work* (required to maximize educational experience for the volunteer and valuable service to the program).

Qualifications: experience in one or more of the following: 1. bird handling/banding 2. data collection 3. wildlife surveys. Familiarity with and/or ability to learn identification of Delaware's shorebirds.

Physical/Age requirement: 18 or above. Ability to withstand heat and biting insects.

Skills/Education: See Qualifications.

Training Required: One full day of training held April 9 and April 29 at the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve in Dover, Delaware.

Other: Must have a positive team spirit and willingness to learn.

Benefits to Volunteer: Experience working with an international team of expert researchers and volunteers. Significant field ornithology experience gained and resume items accrued. Ability to witness the shorebird migration and horseshoe crab phenomenon first hand.

* For local volunteers 4 days do not need to be consecutive.